

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A composition comprising about 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ to about 20 mg/ml IL-11, 100 to about 400 mM glycine and a 0.5 to about 2.0 % wt/wt cryoprotectant, wherein said IL-11 in said composition shows reduced aggregation ~~following storage for 26 weeks at 40° C~~ as compared to IL-11 stored ~~for 26 weeks at 40° C~~ in a composition with glycine and without said cryoprotectant.

2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, where said cryoprotectant is sucrose.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The composition of claim 1, where said glycine is present at about 300 mM .

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 2, where said sucrose is present at a concentration of about 1.0 % (wt/wt).

7. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising a polysorbate.

8. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 7, wherein said polysorbate is ~~Tween-20~~ polysorbate-20.

9. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 7, wherein said polysorbate is present at a concentration of about 0.005 to about 0.1 % (wt/vol).

10. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 7, wherein said polysorbate is present at a concentration of about 0.02 % (wt/vol).

11. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising an antioxidant.
12. (Original) The composition of claim 11, wherein said antioxidant is L-methionine.
13. (Original) The composition of claim 12, wherein said L-methionine is present at a concentration of about 1 to about 100 mM.
14. (Original) The composition of claim 12, wherein said L-methionine is present at a concentration of about 10 mM.
15. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising a buffering agent.
16. (Original) The composition of claim 15, wherein said buffering agent maintains the pH of said composition in the range of from about 6.0 to about 8.0.
17. (Original) The composition of claim 15, wherein said buffering agent maintains the pH of said composition at about 7.0.
18. (Original) The composition of claim 15, wherein said buffering agent is sodium phosphate.
19. (Original) The composition of claim 1, where said IL-11 is present at a concentration of about 1 μ g/ml to about 20 mg/ml.
20. (Original) The composition of claim 1, where said IL-11 is present at a concentration of about 1 to about 5 mg/ml.
21. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 2, comprising about 1 to about 5 mg/ml IL-11, about 300 mM glycine, and about 1% sucrose (wt/wt).

22. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 7, comprising about 1 to about 5 mg/ml IL-11, about 300 mM glycine, about 1% sucrose (wt/wt), and about 0.02 % polysorbate (wt/vol).

23. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 12, comprising about 1 to about 5 mg/ml IL-11, about 300 mM glycine, about 1% sucrose(wt/wt), about 0.02 % polysorbate (wt/vol), and about 10 mM L-methionine.

24. (Original) The composition of claim 23, having a pH of about 7.0.

25. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is lyophilized.

26. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence of said IL-11 comprises amino acids 23-119 of human IL-11.